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Monday June 5th

My dear friend. Mr Biddle has given me to transmit to you a draft for \$223.33¹⁰⁰ which you will find enclosed \$116.86 on account of Mr Binney's rent due April 9th this Mr B has had a short time in his hands for as he expected every day to receive the ground rent also he delayed sending it that he might do it all at once the 106.87 ground rent to 1st May - he received day before yesterday. He desires me to mention that Mr George Fox has made a demand for a ground rent on your house in Walnut St. - he believes it amounts to about 14 dolls per Ann. of which none has been paid since Mr Pishery managed your property in 1800 - You know that Mr B has without consulting you raised your rent to \$550 per Ann. as he was certain of getting that rent from a tenant equally as good as Mr Binney he ventured to raise it at the risk of his leaving it, which he however, thinks proper not to do, altho' the rent is thought a high one - this new rent commences in July next. -

May one not soon expect the pleasure of seeing our friend
Peter? I think it is time he ^{should} be on his return - Have you
lately heard from Mr. Winchewicz? I should be happy
to learn how you are both in health & spirits & what
society you have this summer to make your time
pass pleasantly. Our acquaintance Mrs. Stone has gone
I find to live at Newark. I should suppose you would
find her a pleasant acquaintance if chance were
to throw her much in your way I think you would be much
pleased with her she is a sensible well informed woman &
~~there is~~ ^{is} more variety in her single mind than in a dozen
common village acquaintances - You have probably not
heard of Mr. Nicholas good fortune Mr. Saml. Chess of Maryland
has ^{distributed} ~~left~~ his property in his will in a most judicious
& benevolent manner quite unlike the way of the world
he has given each of the widows Mrs. D. & Mrs. Phillips
\$20,000 - to each of the unmarried ladies \$5,000 - & each
of the young Tighmases wives 500 pounds - To Mrs. D.
whose circumstances were so very low it must be a
most welcome present - it is said the emotion of herself
& family on hearing the news produced a most affecting
scene - Mr. Wharton and partner has lately married

a distant relation of that family she is my near neighbor
& an acquaintance quite to my taste. I have also for
a neighbor Mr. Nicholas the singer - so that I shall always
always have some one at hand to accompany me he is to
be married to Miss Ann. Thompson of N. York of whose
talents & powers of pleasing I have heard much -
My sister Mary has gone to pass a few weeks at Washington
Becky & the Doctor are quite well & happy & Mr. ^{old} B. &
family also - did they know I was writing I should be
charged with many kind messages for you - I hope my
dear Grandma you will soon pass - me with a few
lines it will give me great pleasure to hear from
yourself that you are well & happy

Yours ever affte L.B.

June 3th 1809. Phil^a

Chas^{Wm} Williams

Mrs J. Biddle

Rec^d June 7th & answered this
contained a check on the Bank
Bank at N. York

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Elizabeth Town

New Jersey

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